

REMARKS

Claims 21-37, 39-51, 53 and 54 were previously pending in this application. By this amendment, Applicant is canceling claims 21, 22, 27-35, 37, 39-45, 50, 53 and 54 without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 23, 26, 36, 46, 49 and 51 have been amended. As a result, claims 23-26, 36, 46-49 and 51 are pending for examination with claims 23, 26, 36, 46 and 49 being independent claims. No new matter has been added.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 21, 22, 27-35, 37, 39-45, 50, 53 and 54 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph.

These claims have been canceled without prejudice. Applicant reserves the right to prosecute these claims in this or a continuing application.

Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 23-26, 36, 46-49, and 51 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. As suggested by the Examiner, the claims have been amended to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, thus placing the claims in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, this application should now be in condition for allowance. A notice to this effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes, after this amendment, that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the Applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicant hereby requests any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

Respectfully submitted,

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